

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on January 21, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom A. Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Chuck Swysgood (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary
Jane Hamman, OBPP
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: **HOUSE BILL 6 & 8 - RENEWABLE
RESOURCE GRANT & LOAN
APPLICATIONS, 1/21/1999**

Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 6 & 8 - RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT & LOAN
APPLICATIONS (RRGL)**

RRGL PROJECT NO. 29 - MONTANA DESIGN GUIDELINES

Mr. Michael Downy, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC), reviewed the precipitation guidelines project and the department's recommendation for a \$67,000 grant.

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Mr. Laurence Siroky, Bureau Chief of the Water Operations Bureau, explained the intent of this project, the benefits and the methods.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked what kind of information this project would provide that is not already provided by another agency and if the project would be statewide.

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Mr. Gary Fischer, Engineer with Maxim Technologies, spoke in support of the project and explained that this project would be specific to Montana whereas other studies on extreme storms have been nationwide.

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REP. MCCANN asked about the \$10,000 in-kind contribution from the DNRC.

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked how the intensity of a storm could be measured. Discussion followed.

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Mr. Larry Cawlfeld, with Hydrometrics Consulting Firm, spoke in support of the project. Questions were asked.

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Mr. John Tubbs, DNRC, asked if any money had been saved because of this research.

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RRGL PROJECT NO. 25 - TETON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Mr. Downy reviewed the irrigation and pesticide project and the department's recommendation for a \$100,000 grant.

EXHIBIT(jlh16a01)

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REP. SAM ROSE spoke on behalf of the project.

SEN. PETE EKEGREN spoke on behalf of the project.

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Mr. Rex Manuel, Mayor of Fairfield, gave a short presentation.
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Mr. Leonard Blixrud, Board Member of Teton County, spoke on behalf of the project.
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Mr. Mark Nelson, Board of Directors of the Tri-Counties Dist., spoke on behalf of the project.
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Ms. Amy Fry, Administrator of the Teton County Conservation District, submitted letters of support **EXHIBIT(jlh16a02)** **EXHIBIT(jlh16a03)** from **Mr. Adam Dahlman**, **Mr. Sam Carlson** and **Ms. Mary Sexton**.
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Mr. Bob Stephens, representing the Tri-County Water Dist., spoke in support of the project.
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Mr. Ed Everaert, Manager of the Greenfields Irrigation Dist., spoke in support of the project.
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Mr. Mike Murphy, with the Montana Water Resources Association, spoke in support of the project.
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.4 - 11.9}

Mr. George Algard, with the Montana Department of Agriculture, submitted testimony from **Mr. Ralph Peck**, Director of the Dept. of Agriculture. **EXHIBIT(jlh16a04)**
{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.9 - 12.5}

Ms. Pam Langley, with the MT Agriculture Business Assoc., spoke in support of the project. Questions were asked.
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Mr. Allen Rollo wished to be recorded as a proponent of this project.
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Discussion: Concerning another project that did studies on nitrates and chemicals used for irrigating.
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REP. MCCANN asked about money contributed by the MBMG (Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology and the DEQ (Department of

Environmental Quality). **Ms. Kate Miller**, with the MBMG, answered these questions.

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RRGL PROJECT NO. 23 - WEST CRANE SPRINKLER IRRIGATION PROJECT

Mr. Downy reviewed the irrigation project and the department's recommendation for a \$100,000 grant.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.9 - 25}

Mr. Bill Barr, representing the Richland Economic District, gave a short presentation. **EXHIBIT(jlh16a05)**- letters of support, **EXHIBIT(jlh16a06)** **EXHIBIT(jlh16a07)** **EXHIBIT(jlh16a08)**

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked for a summary of the feasibility study.

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Mr. Gary Amesteid, Consultant for Richland Economic Development, gave a short presentation.

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REP. BERGSAGEL asked if the project would fail if the adjustment to the facilities siting act didn't go through.

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Mr. Gary Simonich, MSE-HKM Engineering Firm, gave a short presentation and went over the engineering design report.

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Mr. Leonard Odbach, retired farmer and land owner, spoke on behalf of the project. Discussion followed

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Mr. Murphy spoke on behalf of the project.

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Mr. Ken Redman, representing the West Crane Dairy Project, spoke on behalf of the project. Discussion followed

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Mr Dwight Thiessen, Dryland Farmer, spoke on behalf of the project.

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REP. MCCANN asked **Mr. Thiessen**, out of ten years, how many do they drought out. He then asked how big the intake was from the Yellowstone River. Discussion followed

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REP. MCCANN asked if the farmers were behind this project.
Discussion followed.

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Mr. Allen Thiessen, President of the Lower Yellowstone REA in Sydney, spoke on behalf of the project.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked if Richland Co. had the ability to finance the project through their county government.

Mr. John Tubbs responded that it didn't look as if it was possible. Discussion followed

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REP. ZOOK asked if this proposal dealt with a feasibility study or the engineering of the project. Discussion followed

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RRGL PROJECT NO. 47 - REHAB MISSOURI RIVER PIPE SPAN

Mr. Downy reviewed the pipe lining project and the department's recommendation for a \$100,000 grant and a \$409,426 loan. He then discussed an alternate proposal to take into consideration, as the grant was not likely to be received.

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Mr. Glen McDonald, DNRC, gave a short presentation and accepted the loan alternative.

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Mr. Bob Davis, Chairman of the Broadwater Missouri Water Users, spoke on behalf of the request.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 11.7 - 16.4}

Mr. Mike Murphy spoke in support of the project.

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RRGL PROJECT NO. 52 - TOWN OF HAVRE

Mr. Downy reviewed the source water project and the department's recommendation for a \$20,000 grant. Questions were asked.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.5 - 19.2}

RRGL PROJECT NO. 51 - EUREKA / FACILITY PLAN

Mr. Bob Fischer, DNRC, reviewed the water system study project and the department's recommendation for a \$25,000 grant.

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Discussion: It was concurred that **Mr. Fischer** would give a refresher of project rankings during executive action.

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Discussion: Discussion concerning the Tin Cup project.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 23.3 - 25.3}

**HEARING ON HB 6 & 8 - RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT & LOAN
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Mr. Tom Livers, DEQ, addressed concerns over the MSU Billings, Special Education Building, project in **HB 12**.

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Mr. Tom O'Connell, Department of Administration, spoke about the blending of the two programs, the State Building Energy Conservation Program (SBECPP) and the Long Range Building Program (LRBP).

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REP. ZOOK commented that perhaps more thought needed to be given to these projects during the design phase so that later there weren't surprise additions to the projects. Discussion followed.

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Ms. Jane Hamman, OBPP, commented that there was language in **HB 5** & **HB 14** stating that if a LRBP project could be shown to have energy saving potential that it would be considered for co-funding under **HB 12**. Discussion followed.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

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